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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *October 7, Ogle County News* – (Illinois) **Byron Station Unit 1 back online.** Illinois officials reported October 7 that Byron Generating Station Unit 1 reactor was restored to full power October 5 after undergoing a scheduled refueling outage that included safety inspections, equipment tests, and plant refurbishments to ensure the facility's ability to provide clean, safe, and reliable electricity through the unit's 18-month operating cycle.

Source: <http://www.oglecountynews.com/2015/10/05/byron-station-unit-1-back-online/aed5sde/>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *October 8, ConsumerAffairs* – (National) **GM recalls Chevrolet Traverse, GMC Acadia and Buick Enclave vehicles.** General Motors issued a recall beginning September 30 for 29,295 model year 2016 Chevrolet Traverse, GMC Acadia, and Buick Enclave vehicles due to a windshield wiper issue in which the motor could overheat when used, increasing the risk of a fire.

Source: <http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/gm-recalls-chevrolet-traverse-gmc-acadia-and-buick-enclave-vehicles-100815.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

3. *October 8, CNET* – (International) **Samsung says customer payment data not affected by hack attack.** Samsung released a statement October 8 reassuring customers that no payment data was at risk following a March hacking incident involving LoopPay, a company that Samsung acquired to set up Samsung Pay. The attack reportedly only targeted LoopPay's office network handling email, file sharing, and printing, and was possibly intended to steal the magnetic strip technology that the company developed.

Source: <http://www.cnet.com/news/samsung-says-customer-payment-data-not-affected-by-hack-attack/>

4. *October 7, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **Blackstone charged with disclosure failures.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced October 7 that 3 Blackstone Group private equity fund advisers agreed to pay \$38.8 million to resolve allegations that the advisers failed to disclose the benefits they obtained via accelerated monitoring fees and legal fee discounts. The company will distribute \$28.8 million to affected fund investors.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-235.html>
5. *October 7, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **US Capital partner barred from securities work, ordered to repay \$10M.** Colorado State securities regulators announced October 7 that a former US Capital partner was permanently banned from the securities industry and will pay \$10.3 million after an investigation found that the company allegedly offered real-estate purchase loans to typically ineligible commercial borrowers by obtaining investments from individuals who were promised interest, when in reality the company used the funds as loans for at least 10 other companies that they owned.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_28935273/us-capital-partner-barred-from-securities-work-ordered
6. *October 7, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **Illegal credit card manufacturing operation uncovered in North Miami.** Miami-Dade police recovered at least 200 credit cards as well as card encoding equipment in a raid on a North Miami home while serving an arrest warrant October 7. A resident of the home was identified as a convicted felon and taken into custody.
Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Illegal-Credit-Card-Manufacturing-Operation-Uncovered-in-North-Miami-331179402.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

7. *October 8, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Kentucky) **Boone County deputies identify victims in deadly Florence crash.** A portion Dixie Highway in Florence was shut down for approximately 4 hours October 8 while a crash reconstruction team investigated a fatal accident after a vehicle headed north veered off the roadway and struck a utility pole. One person died and two others were seriously injured.
Source: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/boone-county/florence/one-dead-after-crash-closes-dixie-highway-in-florence-ky>
8. *October 8, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Woman, child killed in single-vehicle wreck near Edgerton.** Both directions of Interstate 35 between Gardner and Sunflower roads in Johnson County were shut down for about 4 hours October 7 while officials investigated a single-vehicle accident that killed 2 people.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/30212149/2-killed-in-single-vehicle-wreck-near-edgerton>
9. *October 8, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Driver charged after wreck forces closure of US 401 in Garner.** All lanes of U.S. Highway 401 in Garner were shut down for approximately 8 hours October 8 after a vehicle lost control and hit a power

pole, injuring 2 people and causing a power outage in the area.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/wreck-shuts-down-us-401-us-70-in-garner/14955289/>

10. *October 7, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Truck spills 2,000 gallons of used motor oil in northwest Minnesota.** Crews spent about 5 hours October 6 containing an estimated 2,000-gallon motor oil spill following a rollover accident involving a semi-truck on U.S. Highway 59 near Karlstad. Canadian Pacific Railway stopped rail traffic on tracks that run parallel to the highway for about 4 hours as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/3855956-truck-spills-2000-gallons-used-motor-oil-northwest-minnesota>
11. *October 7, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **I-270 reopens after fuel tanker rollover.** Interstate 270 in Adams County, Colorado, was shut down in both directions for nearly 8 hours October 7 after a fuel tanker overturned and spilled 2,500 gallons of fuel onto the roadway. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/traffic/2015/10/07/fuel-tank-rupture-i-270-quebec-highway-85/73533250/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *October 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market voluntarily recalls all cut wrapped and weighed Papillion Organic Roquefort cheeses because of possible health risk.** Whole Foods Market issued a voluntary recall October 7 of Papillion Organic Roquefort cheese products cut and packaged in clear plastic wrap sold with Whole Foods scale labels after routine sampling found *Listeria Monocytogenes* in a whole, uncut wheel of cheese. The products were sold nationwide at all Whole Foods Market stores.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm466185.htm>
13. *October 7, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **New England Natural Bakers Inc. issues voluntary allergy alert on undeclared milk, wheat and tree nuts (pecans) in Coconut Cranberry Granola.** Greenfield, Massachusetts-based New England Natural Bakers, Inc., issued a voluntary recall October 7 for one specific lot of Trader Joe's Coconut Cranberry Granola due to misbranding and undeclared milk, wheat, and tree nuts discovered following a customer complaint. The products were distributed to Trader Joe's stores in several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm466182.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *October 7, WWAY 3 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Rain blamed for 500,000-gallon wastewater spill.** Brunswick County officials reported that the cause of a 500,000 gallon wastewater spill into the Carolina Shores from the equalization basin at the Carolina Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant was due to flooding of collection systems following heavy storms in the area. The discharge began October 2 and continued

through October 5 and likely reached receiving waters designated as an unnamed tributary to Persimmon Swam in the Lumber River Basin.

Source: <http://www.wwaytv3.com/2015/10/07/rain-blamed-for-500000-gallon-wastewater-spill/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *October 7, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (South Dakota) **Federal judge issues permanent injunction against South Dakota laser manufacturer.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was granted a permanent injunction October 7 against 2035 Inc., doing business as QLasers PMA and 2035 PMA, and its owner prohibiting the manufacturing and distribution of “QLaser” devices after authorities accused the company of promoting the devices with false and misleading claims that they treat cardiac arrest, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and several other diseases and disorders. The FDA stated that the devices were being distributed without its approval and that the company can reinstate manufacturing and distribution of the devices once it gains premarket approval or clearance.

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm466044.htm>

16. *October 7, KSNV 3 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Patient of fake doctor relives her trip to the ‘surgical house of horrors.’** Officials reported October 7 that police arrested a man who was posing as a doctor and seized bags of blood, syringes, and scalpels from his residence near Nellis and Washington in Nevada. An investigation is ongoing and the Southern Nevada Health District is asking patients seen by the suspect to come forward.

Source: <http://www.news3lv.com/content/news/local/story/Patient-of-fake-doctor-relives-her-trip-to-clinic/3lYmGyV3m0-3whYMmkBPBg.csp>

17. *October 5, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **Nurse reuses syringe while giving flu shots to patients at NJ clinic: Officials.** TotalWellness announced October 5 that a contracted nurse administered flu vaccinations to 67 employees of Otsuka Pharmaceutical in New Jersey and failed to follow proper procedures when they reused the same syringe. The incident is under investigation after health officials also reported that the nurse may have given a dose of the vaccine that was less than recommended and urged employees to get another flu shot.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Syringe-TotalWellness-Nurse-Flu-Vaccinations-West-Windsor-New-Jersey-330777592.html>

Government Facilities Sector

18. *October 8, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Carjacking suspect who crashed near Ft. Meade caught.** Authorities caught a carjacking suspect several hours after the suspect crashed a stolen car near Fort Meade’s Rothenbach Gate in Anne Arundel County October 8, forcing the closure of 6 schools and the reduction of operations at Fort Meade.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/maryland/2015/10/07/carjacking->

[suspect-sought-after-car-crashes-near-ft-meade/73558442/](http://www.wgntv.com/2015/10/07/10-students-taken-to-hospital-after-pepper-spray-incident-at-west-side-school/)

19. *October 7, WGN 9 Chicago* – (California) **10 students taken to hospital after pepper spray incident at West Side school.** Oscar DePreist Elementary School in Chicago was evacuated and 10 students were transported to an area hospital for symptoms October 7 after a form of pepper spray was discharged in the building during a fight between 2 students.
Source: <http://wgntv.com/2015/10/07/10-students-taken-to-hospital-after-pepper-spray-incident-at-west-side-school/>
20. *October 7, WLOX 13 Biloxi* – (Mississippi) **School bus accident sends 15 to the hospital with minor injuries.** An October 7 accident involving a school bus and another vehicle on Highway 49 in Harrison County caused 15 Harrison Central High School students to be transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.wlox.com/story/30206119/school-bus-accident-sends-15-to-the-hospital-with-minor-injuries>
21. *October 7, WTOG 11 Savannah* – (Georgia) **37 sent to hospital after HAZMAT incident at Myers Middle School.** Myers Middle School in Savannah was evacuated after 36 students and the assistant principal were affected by a freon leak in the air conditioning system October 7. School officials continue to assess the situation after the air was shut off while crews inspected the system and cleared the building, and Johnson High School was evacuated as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.wtog.com/story/30208735/37-sent-to-hospital-after-hazmat-incident-at-myers-middle-school>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

22. *October 8, Securityweek* – (International) **New collision attack lowers cost of breaking SHA1.** A team of experts from Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica in Europe, Inria in France, and Singapore's Nanyang Technological University discovered that hackers could execute a "freestart collision" attack to break the full secure hash algorithm 1 (SHA1) cryptographic hash function within 10 days for a cost of \$75,000 - \$120,000 using graphics cards and computing power from Amazon's EC2 cloud. Previous research estimated that the cost to break the algorithm would be approximately \$700,000 in 2015 and \$173,000 in 2018.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-collision-attack-lowers-cost-breaking-sha1>
23. *October 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Operation Cleaver hackers return, now used LinkedIn to target victims.** Security researchers from Dell's SecureWorks Counter Threat Unit Threat Intelligence team discovered that a group that they observed

building a network of fake LinkedIn user profiles to target aerospace, defense, military, chemical, energy, government, education, and telecommunications organizations worldwide, appear to be the same or affiliated the group who carried out Operation Cleaver in 2014, which targeted critical infrastructure points worldwide.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/operation-cleaver-hackers-return-now-use-linkedin-to-target-victims-494062.shtml>

24. *October 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **Journalist convicted of helping Anonymous hack the LA Times.** A California journalist who previously worked for Reuters was convicted October 7 for his role in a conspiracy to make unauthorized changes to a computer and the transmission of malicious code on the Los Angeles Times' Web site by passing login credentials enabling access to a content management system to an Anonymous hacking group member in December 2010.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/article/2990491/cybercrime-hacking/journalist-convicted-of-helping-anonymous-hack-the-la-times.html#tk.rss_security

25. *October 7, Securityweek* – (International) **Developers of mysterious Wifatch malware come forward.** The group behind the “benevolent” Linux.Wifatch malware that was observed infecting tens of thousands of routers, Internet Protocol (IP) cameras, and other devices with the apparent purpose of protecting them, published the Wifatch source code and revealed themselves as “The White Team,” claiming it was an altruistic project.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/developers-mysterious-wifatch-malware-come-forward>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

Communications Sector

26. *October 7, KSBW 8 Salinas* – (California) **Outage affecting 1000 residents in Big Sur.** Over 1,000 residents in Big Sur were without Internet, landline, or cell phone service, including 9-1-1 capability October 6 due to a cut fiber line in Greenfield that routes to the microwave radio dish that powers Big Sur. The county of Monterey and AT&T worked to restore service, and repairs were expected to be completed by October 7.
Source: <http://www.ksbw.com/news/outage-affecting-1000-residents-in-big-sur/35704544>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *October 7, MissionLocal.com* – (California) **Pepper spray prompts evacuation in SF Mission.** A San Francisco fire official reported that 120 people were evacuated for approximately 2 hours October 7 from a Salvation Army building, which houses residences and office space, after a suspected hazardous material odor was detected by staff. No injuries were reported and officials believe that the odor derived from a donated item that discharged pepper spray or mace. Fire department personnel evaluated 14 people on site.
Source: <http://missionlocal.org/2015/10/suspected-hazardous-materials-cause-evacuation/>
28. *October 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Massachusetts) **Falling boxes of patio furniture at Massachusetts Big Lots store strike employee, causing hospitalization.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Big Lots Stores Inc., October 2 for 2 repeated violations at its Danvers, Massachusetts facility after an investigation revealed numerous boxes of stock were stacked high in unstable conditions in the storeroom and that aisles were clogged by broken materials following an incident in which an employee was hospitalized when boxes of patio furniture fell and struck him in the store's stockroom. Penalties total \$66,000.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28866

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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